Village of Canal Winchester 36 South High Street Canal Winchester, OH 43110-1213

Old Town Historical Committee Meeting February 11, 2007 5:45 PM

Minutes

Mr. Jarvis called the meeting to order at 5:46pm. Present for roll call was Mr. Jarvis and Mr. Deeds. Also in attendance were Mayor Ebert, Planning and Zoning Administrator Allan Neimayer, Mr. Garrett and Mr. Garvin from Main Street Canal Winchester, Development Director Chris Strayer, as well as Mr. Don Miller and Mr. Mike Ippoliti.

Motion made by Mr. Deeds to excuse Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry. Mr. Jarvis seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

VOTE:

AYES:

Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Deeds

NAYS:

Resolved Items: None at this time.

Pended Items:

06-01 Interurban Building Update

Mr. Jarvis stated that an agreement between the owners of the I-beam building and Pebco has not been reached; therefore the new roof has not been installed. However, the issue has gone through the Village's legal department and is under review to go back to Pebco, which will get construction back underway.

The roofing tiles were acquired with approval through the Landmarks Commission and are very close in color and style to the original tiles. Those tiles are on hand in a warehouse, ready for installation.

Main Street put a blurb in the newspaper asking for anyone willing to help and one local source has come forward offering to help with rough and finish carpentry. Still needed are various contractors to do tuck pointing on exterior brick, electrical work and landscaping. Mr. Jarvis hopes this could be done in late summer or early fall.

Main Street Representatives received a call from Fairfield Career Academy wanting to help out with the project. Meetings with the instructors will be held in two weeks.

Finances are still on track to raise the appropriate amount of money. Mr. Jarvis asked when State money would be available. Mr. Garrett responded that it would be brought to a vote in the spring.

Mr. Jarvis stated his desire to get in touch with a local roofing contractor and start to go over the details of the project in a timely fashion.

New Items for Discussion:

08-01 Minimum Maintenance Standards – Allan Neimayer

A well-written Minimum Maintenance legislation has already been passed; however, it is written that a claim must be from citizens, not staff. Allan Neimayer cautions about changing away from complaint-driven to an active-enforcement program. Mr. Jarvis concurs and states that there are many points from which a complaint could arise and the problems effectively dealt with without changing the ordinance. Discussion ensued.

Name for North /South Alley located behind the Municipal BuildingThis road does not currently have a name. It is referred to on the Auditor's website as "The rear of 10 S. High". In the past, the naming of streets has been handled by consulting the Historical Society.

Don Miller, of Washington Street, stated that the North/South alley has actually already been named "Warehouse Alley" and that the portion that parallels the canal has always been referred to as "the Tow Path" in Canal Winchester history. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Jeffery Bond suggested that plaques designating the history of why the streets would have those names and where the warehouses were should be placed along the roadway. Further discussion ensued.

Mr. Jarvis moved to take the recommendation before full Council naming the North/South alley "Warehouse Alley" and the East/West portion "Tow Path". Mr. Deeds seconded the motion. All Ayes, motion carried.

VOTE: AYES: Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Deeds NAYS:

New Business:

Mr. Chris Strayer met with ODOT about putting up signs on the interchanges that would point to Historic Downtown Area of Canal Winchester. ODOT stated they could make and place the sign, they would just need a letter from Council stating what the sign would say and where they would be located. Mr. Strayer proposed they be placed at Gender Rd. interchanges and Diley Road interchanges. As well, the Village of Canal Winchester would be responsible for placing a directional sign at Gender and Waterloo pointing to the Historic Downtown area. "Historic Downtown Canal Winchester" is the wording proposed. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Garvin requested a review of the downtown overlay. Mr. Jarvis asked for an in-house review with recommendations and copies of the overlay guidelines to all parties involved.

Old Business:

Mr. Strayer stated that the CIC met on Friday with regard to tearing down the old gas station. They are still waiting on some information, but the process is moving forward.

Adjournment:

Mr. Deeds moved to adjourn this meeting of the Old Town Committee and was seconded by Mr. Jarvis. All Ayes, motion carried.

VOTE:

AYES:

Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Deeds

NAYS:

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 P.M.